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HONG KONG SECURITIES CLEARING COMPANY LIMITED (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited)

通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Official Launch of Trading Calendar Enhancement for Stock Connect - Reminder Enquiry: China Connect Hotline: 2979-7123 ¹ / Email: clg@hkex.com.hk

Reference is made to the circular dated 24 February 2023 (Reference: <u>CD/OES/CCASS/009/2023</u>). Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC") will officially launch the trading calendar enhancement under Stock Connect ("the Enhancement") on 24 April 2023 and the first additional Northbound ("NB") trading day will be on <u>25 May 2023</u>. With the Enhancement, trading under Stock Connect is allowed on all trading days where both the Hong Kong and Mainland China markets are open and the Clearing and Settlement arrangement will be adjusted during the additional NB trading days under Stock Connect.

China Connect Clearing Participants ("CCCPs") and Designated Banks ("DBs") are reminded to refer to the up-to-date <u>Settlement Calendar for Northbound Trading (2023)</u> with additional NB trading days ("H-1 days"²) indicated on HKEX website and the <u>HKSCC circular</u> for money settlement arrangement after the Enhancement. CCCPs should note that any failure to settle net payable CNS money positions by CCCPs by 18:00 on H-1 days will constitute an event of default for the CCCP and HKSCC may take default actions against the relevant CCCP as appropriate. Besides, DBs are reminded to consult their internal IT support units or system vendors for necessary preparation before the first H-1 day if you have not done so.

All relevant information regarding the Enhancement are published on the <u>designated page</u> and the <u>Stock Connect FAQ</u> on the HKEX website.

Please send any enquiries on trading arrangements to <u>trd@hkex.com.hk</u> and enquiries on clearing and settlement arrangements to <u>clg@hkex.com.hk</u>.

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¹ All calls to and from the Participant General Enquiry Hotline may be recorded. HKEX Privacy Policy Statement is available <u>here</u>.

 $^{^2}$ "H-1 day" means, in relation to China Connect Securities, the Settlement Day immediately preceding a day which is a public holiday in Hong Kong but not in Mainland China.